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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 02 November 2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☒ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

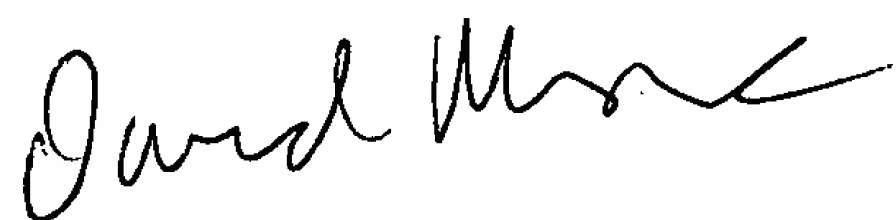
c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

Applicant's amendments to claim 15 merely correct obvious minor oversights and do not affect the scope of claim 15. Thus, Applicant's amendments to claim 15 are a matter of form only and are therefore entered.



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